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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8256

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MANILA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3364

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, SN

SUBJECT: CORRECTING THE RECORD ON PRIME MINISTER LEE'S ASEAN  
ADDRESS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 5122

1. EMBASSY NOTED THAT SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW, IN HIS AUGUST 4 OPENING ADDRESS TO ASEAN SUMMIT, DESCRIBED CERTAIN ASPECTS OF U.S. POLICY INACCURATELY. WHILE PRIME MINISTER'S PURPOSE IN DOING SO WAS APPARENTLY TO ENHANCE DRAMATIC EFFECT OF HIS SPEECH, WE FELT THAT A LOW-KEYED CORRECTION WAS IN ORDER.

2. PAO, ACCORDINGLY, IS SENDING PERSONAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS SECRETARY, JAMES FU, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. PRIME MINISTER'S ASSERTION THAT "ALL U.S. FORCES IN KOREA" WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IS INCORRECT. LETTER FURNISHED QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECDEF MAKING CLEAR THAT AIR FORCE UNITS, INTELLIGENCE AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT PERSONNEL WOULD REMAIN  
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IN KOREA AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND COMBAT FORCES.

B. PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT IN VIEWING SOUTHEAST ASIA "AMERICANS SEE THINGS IN TERMS OF THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS" AND THAT OUTSIDE OF JAPAN "SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS OF THE LAST TWO DECADES ARE NO LONGER RELEVANT" IS ALSO MISINTERPRETATION OF U.S. POLICY. LETTER CITES SECRETARY VANCE'S JUNE 29 SPEECH

TO POINT OUT THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS KEY ROLE IN  
CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND STABILITY, HAS A STRONG INTEREST  
IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REGION, AND RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF  
CONTINUING TO CONTRIBUTE TO ASIAN SECURITY.  
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